

PUBLIC NOTICE
Wyoming Department of Health
Wyoming Nursing Home Reimbursement System

Public notice is hereby given that effective July 1, 2015, the Wyoming Department of Health intends to make changes to the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan for nursing home reimbursement. New rates will be calculated based on the approved methodology incorporating the required components of Senate Enrolled Act No. 82 passed during the 2013 General Session:

1. Regional Economic Factors: Exempt cost reimbursement for utilities, tax status and nurse aid training.
2. Patient Acuity: The Department will use the most recent facility-reported patient acuity data as reported through the Minimum Data Set (MDS) to adjust rates higher or lower based on the facility's average acuity calculation.
3. Percentage of Medicaid Occupancy: The current supplemental payment program facilitates payments to providers based on the facility's total Medicaid days each year.

New rates will be implemented July 1, 2015 based on the most recent audited cost reports.

The proposed changes update Attachment 4.19D, Wyoming Nursing Home Reimbursement System, and Chapter 7 of Medicaid Rules, Wyoming Nursing Home Reimbursement System, with regard to the methodology used to calculate Medicaid rates for nursing facility services for time frames on or after its effective date.

This budget appropriation for this state plan amendment is \$8,414,886.00. This includes coverage of additional State-level administrative expenses and associated rate adjustments required to Swing Bed and Hospice services.

Concurrent to the change in nursing facility rates, the Department also intends to remove occupancy and cost-based caps in the methodology used to determine daily per diem rates for State-owned Facilities that qualify for Medicaid reimbursement under Chapter 7 of Medicaid Rules for the Wyoming Retirement Center and Chapter 20 for the Wyoming Life Resource Center.

Copies of the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan Amendment will be available from the Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the State Plan Amendment, contact:

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Dated this 16th day of April, 2015